Institute and the remodelling of the present Hygiene department so as to make it suitable for the Anatomy department (including Embryology and Histology). The Surgeon-General's detailed proposals in regard to these are awaited.

Free quarters and permission for private practice to the staff of the Mental hospital.

* 1422 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff of the Mental hospital are charged rents for their quarters and if so, why ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the jail doctors are permitted to have private practice and that those of the Mental hospital are prevented from doing so and why ?

A.—(a) Yes, except the nursing staff ; under the rules all officers who are provided with official quarters are required to pay rent unless exempted by the Government for special reasons. No such reasons exist in this case.

(b) Medical officers employed in the Jail department are permitted to engage in consulting practice and to attend to emergency cases, provided there is no interference with their official duties.

The Superintendent of the Madras Mental Hospital is debarred from general practice in the interest of the work of the institution. He is however allowed to visit persons afflicted with insanity or nervous diseases. Other medical officers employed in mental hospitals are not debarred from practice.

Registration

Increase of registration offices in South Kanara.

* 1423 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations have been received from the Sub-Registrars of South Kanara for the increase of sub-registration offices in the district ; and

(b) what action has been taken thereon ?

A.—(a) & (b) No such representations have been received by Government.

Education

Training schools for mistresses in Salem, Coimbatore and South Arcot districts.

* 1424 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any training schools for mistresses in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore and South Arcot ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government or before the local boards to open a training school for mistresses in these districts especially for Muslim lady teachers ?

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A.—(*a*) Yes; there are two secondary, three higher elementary and three lower elementary training classes for women teachers in the three districts together.

(*b*) There is no proposal before the Government for the opening of an additional training school for women in any of the three districts in the next year. Local boards do not ordinarily maintain training schools for mistresses.

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed.—"May I know whether there are any training schools for Muslim women teachers?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"There are no separate schools."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister will take steps to open some schools?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I do not think there is any need for such separate schools."

Alleged distinction between higher and lower grade trained teachers in Salem taluk.

* 1425 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that some of the taluk boards in Salem make no distinction between higher and lower grade trained teachers while making appointments; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Education department has approved of such a procedure?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether the report has been received?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"No, Sir."

Revision of the pay of teachers in taluk board schools.

* 1426 *Q.*—Mr. K. Madhavan Nayar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the scale of pay of the teachers employed in the elementary schools under the taluk boards in Malabar is at present;

(*b*) whether any taluk board in Malabar has carried out the suggestion of the Government that such scale should be one of Rs. 20 to Rs. 35;

(*c*) whether the amount of grant made by the Government to the taluk boards for the maintenance of schools conducted with such grant is based on its own recommendation of the said scale;

(*d*) whether the Government have allotted any amount to the taluk boards in Malabar to enable such boards to increase the present pay of the teachers; and

(*e*) if not, whether the Government propose to make any such grant in the immediate future?

A.—(*a*) A statement[a] showing the latest information available with the Government is laid on the table.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 106 infra.